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## ORGANIZED.

Thanks to Gov. Toole's prompt and decisive action the house of representatives of the first legislative assembly of the state of Montana was organized yesterday with dignity and decorum. At the hour appointed, 12 o'clock noon, the body of the house was thrown open to all members, or persons claiming to be members, and the galleries to the public. The custodian of the hall had written instructions from the governor to admit all persons claiming to be members to the chamber, and to give free access to the state auditor at any time. At the hour appointed for the session to begin the auditor had not arrived, but a quorum consisting of twenty-eight members was present, and under the law, the oldest member, Mr. Blakely, called the house to order and administered the oath of office to the members, and a temporary organization was effected.

The republican members-elect, as chronicled in our news columns, refused to comply with the governor's proclamation, and did not appear in the chamber. The five republicans from Silver Bow county who hold only state canvassing board certificates, but who were entitled to appear as contestants of the seats of sitting members, if they chose, also failed to present themselves.

The democratic members of the house, who were lawfully elected and held lawful certificates, have now complied with the law and performed the first duty they were elected to perform. They have entered upon the discharge of their duties with firmness and dignity. So far as they are concerned the people of the state can have no fault to find. Yesterday's work vindicates the wisdom of Gov. Toole's action.

The state stealers are pretty hard pushed for material to feed their gudgeons when they start such a silly story as that published in the Herald last night, that Auditor Kenney was offered \$20,000 to appear in the hall of the house of representatives and call the roll of the members of that body who had county clerk's certificates. Of course Mr. Kenney promptly denies the yarn. It is silly enough to have come from Seligman. The rump legislature cannot be held together by such methods.

Every fair minded man, whether democrat or republican, commends the governor for his frankness in intimating to the two proposed organizations of the house which body he would recognize. It was eminently proper that this should be done before any steps were taken by either party. Every intelligent person knows that his recognition of one or the other of these bodies was bound to occur, and common decency required that his views should be made known before either side had fully committed itself to any particular course.

When the governor designates the place in which the state senate is to meet the republican senators recognize his authority by assembling at the appointed place; when the governor designates the place in which the house of representatives is to meet the republican members all run away. But then the senators knew they were elected, and some of the other fellows were receivers of stolen goods and were overcome by a sense of guilt.

The puny effort of the Journal to question the power of Governor Toole to designate the place for the convening of the legislative assembly of the state, by quoting statutes showing that the duty of calling the senate to order devolves upon the secretary, and a like duty with reference to the house devolved upon the auditor, is too thin and transparent to require notice.

Chief Justice Blake ordered the county clerk of Jefferson county to give Representative Whaley a certificate of election and Mr. Whaley presented his certificate yesterday in the house and took the oath of office. At the same time Chief Justice Blake was administering the oath of office in a rump body to men who had no clerk's certificates. Impressive spectacle, wasn't it?

The would-be state stealers should make a note of the fact that though the Bender family of Kansas evaded justice for sixteen years, two of them have at last been arraigned for their manifold crimes. "Time at last makes all things even."

Prohibition in the Dakotas does not mean the same thing as it does in other

states of the union, for there a large portion of the population know the flavor of no liquor but alcohol straight, and that doesn't come within the category of intoxicating beverages.

## THE STATE'S DISGRACE.

SANDERS and Hershfield mustered their little band of legislative rump yesterday in a back room, up a back alley on a back street and began the work of subjugating and browbeating them to their purpose. The two conspirators are at cross-purposes among themselves, but they will begin to sell one another out later in the game. The only hope of either at present lies in keeping all the republican members together. The twenty-five republicans who were lawfully elected are to be coaxed or coerced, as circumstances may require, into sitting beside five men from Silver Bow county who have been declared to be defeated by the county canvassing board and a decision of court, while Sanders and Hershfield fight it out to see who goes to the United States senate.

Is it possible that these twenty-five men, many of them men who themselves would scorn a mean or dishonest act, who believe in fair play and square dealing in every other walk of life, will be made the pawns of these two players for senatorial stakes; that they will see the machinery of state government stopped; public institutions in distress; the enactment of needed laws prevented; disgrace and reproach brought upon our entire people—at the demands of two men who have never sought a public office that was not denied them by the people?

We do not believe there are twenty-five men in Montana who will submit to this indignity for an hour when they understand the situation.

There is a suggestion of a familiar figure to Montanians in the following pen picture of a person who was recently seen with R. B. Harrison on the streets of Washington: "He presented a remarkable resemblance to the generally accepted picture of Brother Jonathan. Even the long chin whiskers are in place and he wears a plug hat which bears unmistakable signs of the vintage of '40. His hair is a bright red." And yet our old friend Carter hadn't all the characteristics of an antique when he left Helena for the national capital early this month. We hope young Mr. Harrison hasn't been making too lively a pace for the congressional elect in Washington.

FORAKER, whose chief glory used to be that he had been cold-shouldered by President and Mrs. Cleveland, both of whom he had blackguarded with the volubility of a fishwife, is now seeking to lessen the force of his fall into obscurity by protesting his innocence of complicity in the forgery of James E. Campbell's name in the recent gubernatorial canvass in Ohio. Whether he be guilty or not, his career as a blatherskite politician of the small sort, will warrant the belief that he might easily have participated in the throwing of the ballot-box boomerang.

A DAY or two after James E. Campbell was nominated for Governor of Ohio THE INDEPENDENT said that his election would bring him into the field as a possible candidate for the presidency. Already, since his election, he has been mentioned in that connection by a score of influential papers in the east, that recognize the potency of a leader who can overturn a hostile majority of 23,000 and win by an equal number of votes. Keep your eye on Campbell.

SECRETARY BLAINE is credited with the intention of sending a delegate to Europe to co-operate for the remonetization of silver. President Harrison and Mr. Windom, secretary of the treasury, do not favor the plan, but trifles like that cannot be permitted to stand in the way of the great man from Augusta.

The belief in witchcraft is still prevalent in portions of Pennsylvania. The surprising nature of this statement is modified by the fact that Pennsylvania gave 79,500 majority for Harrison and protection last year.

DOM PEDRO, the deposed emperor of Brazil, is to have an annuity of \$450,000 in his exile, with which it will be possible, by the exercise of economy, to keep the wolf from his door.

THE frantic old Herald hysterically shrieks about Gov. Toole being like Charles the First. There is also a remarkable parallel between the cases of Charles the First and the Herald. Both have completely lost their heads.

Now when the republican rump gets an affidavit from Bernard saying it is all right it can go ahead with business. A man who wears an apologetic smile, an overcoat with frills on the cuffs and a fringe around the bottom, and a hat, through the crown of which the chill November breezes toyed with scant looks, climbed to THE INDEPENDENT editorial rooms yesterday and laid upon our desk a sheet of paper, with the remark that "There's somethin' I dashed off 't'other night at my place up'n the gulch. I've always been a good friend to THE INDEPENDENT, and would have subscribed for it when Col. Woolfolk was the editor, only the mining deal I was into didn't pan out." And knowing that one said

heart will be the cheerier because of the act, we herewith reproduce what had been written on the sheet of paper, which was worn thin in places where bread crumbs had been made to do the service of a pencil eraser. The rhyme, it may be observed, is somewhat "off its foot," but not more so than was the famous poet called the Shoreland: Its owner presides in the forum; In him its an' fat To set up a bluff Where his guests may get chuck full o'r'm. When Tom Dolan applied for a license. In him it was reckoned impudence. For the selling of liquor Not many are sicker Than he who has the vice-precedence. Classic for senate. It also rhymes better.

The mistakes of Moses, a favorite theme with Col. Ingersoll in the days when he illuminated the all-pervading dullness of the lecture platform with his wit and satire, were as nothing compared with the blunders of William E. Curtis, whom Secretary Blaine appointed as press agent of the delegates to the alleged Pan-American congress. First in the series was Mr. Curtis' protest against the desecration of the Sabbath day by Erastus Wiman at Niagara Falls, who entertained the Spanish-American gentlemen at dinner one Sunday, and took advantage of his position as host to discharge a two-column speech of ponderous weight, which he had printed in the New York papers the following morning. Next Mr. Curtis gave to the world through the government printing office and at the expense of the nation a book purporting to explain the purpose of the Pan-American congress and to set forth the resources of the Central and South American states, but which was in fact a specious argument for the preservation of the existing prohibitive tariff. And as if to leave no possible doubt of his unfitness for the position to which he was appointed, Mr. Curtis last week made a sanctified spectacle of himself by inspiring the statement, which was telegraphed all over the country, that the delegates were badly treated by the Union League club of Philadelphia, the fact being simply that Mr. Curtis himself did not himself receive all the distinguished consideration at the hands of the club he thought his due. Mr. Curtis has made acknowledgment of this latest blunder, but not soon enough to save himself from the contempt of the public and to earn a rebuke from the state department whose agent he has been.

ANOTHER American heiress has found her soul's affinity in the person of a foreigner of distinguished ancestry, but for once it does not appear to be wholly an exchange of a barrowful of Uncle Sam's big silver dollars with the girl thrown in for the right to a title of nobility. Count Von Kleist, who is to wed Lillie Thompson, a millionaire in her own right and daughter of an ex-mayor of Detroit, Mich., is represented to be possessed of an estate truly baronial in extent and value, and to be besides a gentleman in the purer sense of the word. If foreigners are to win the capital prizes in the matrimonial lottery, it is some satisfaction to know that the fortunate ones are worthy of their success, and that they are not of the mammon-hunting class, who demand an extravagant sum in return for the supposed honor of bestowing their names—too often linked with the record of lives of profligacy and vice—upon women who in their own country would be regarded as worthy of forming an alliance with the best of men.

In a sensational play which is now "on the road" in the east two professional safe-breakers who have served the state have star parts. In this fact there is a suggestion for the gentlemen who recently entered upon careers as state stealers. The so-called liberal professions have no place for criminals, but the stage offers an avenue of endeavor of which the gentlemen may be glad to avail themselves.

## RUMBLINGS OF THE RUMPS.

"Governor, the legislature is duly organized and awaits your pleasure. Have you any message or instructions to deliver?"

"Ah, yes, gentlemen; I will step upstairs in a few moments and meet with you."

"But, governor, we are not upstairs; our legislature meets in a back room, off an alley, out by the plaster diggings, down in a gulch, in the lower end of town, entrance from the rear of the 'iron front,' through a long corridor—"

"Excuse me, gentlemen, but if you will finish the description next week when my time is less occupied, I may be able to hear the conclusion of your story."

Yesterday, three minutes before high noon, a small sized man with a stubby mustache, wearing a look of determination and a beaver overcoat, rushed wildly up the stairs of the court house and down the corridor leading to the legislative assembly hall.

Half a dozen rapid steps and his hand rested upon the knob of the door which barred the outer world from the sacred precincts of the lawmakers.

A spasm seized his frame and a cold perspiration burst out upon his noble brow. Great heavens! what will he do?

"Courage, man, courage, one supreme effort and the thing is done!"

Closing his eyes and with an inward prayer for help the little man nervously clutched the door-knob and gave it a quick jerk.

"Ah! Sacre! Bizarre! Pouff! The door was locked!"

His knees shook, he swallowed rapidly, produced a smile with a great effort of will and opened his eyes. He was safe. Three minutes later and Commodore Tom Power might have broke into the chamber.

"Is the table of pine herein?"

"It is, me lord."

"Has the sheet-iron stove arrived?"

"It has, me lord."

"Have the chief justice and the auditor appeared?"

"They await without, your highness."

"Then call in the conspirators, see that the corridors are cleared place a guard over the coal bucket and may God have mercy on us all!"

DEM. LEGISLATURE—Ah, there! Rep. Rumps—Stay there! Dem. Chorus—Well, rather!

His Lordship May Sue.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Decision has been rendered under which Earl of Euston is allowed to bring a criminal suit against the North London Press for alleging his lordship was implicated in the commission of unnatural crimes in the west end.

## CIVIL ENGINEERS.

## Col. DeLacy's Paper on Public Land Surveys Discussed.

An adjourned meeting of the Montana Society of Civil Engineers was held last evening at the office of E. H. Becker, chief engineer of the Montana Central railway. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Becker, vice president. Those present were Messrs. DeLacy, Wade, Dause, Foss, Wheeler, Becker and Pearis.

Col. DeLacy, chairman of the committee on public land surveys, submitted a report recommending that the society address a letter to the Hon. T. H. Carter calling his attention to the operation and defects of the present system of making such surveys, and requesting him to use his influence at Washington in securing a modification of the present law, and, if possible, a repeal of the contract system of surveys. He submitted a draft of such a letter which was a highly interesting review of the whole subject.

It was voted that the report of the committee be accepted and the committee discharged; also that the report and letter to Mr. Carter be published in the journal of the Engineering Societies in full, and that the society procure from the publishers of the journal 100 copies of the same in pamphlet form for distribution.

On motion of Mr. Wade the thanks of the society were extended to Col. DeLacy and the committee for the able manner in which the subject had been reported upon.

After further discussion the society adjourned.

To-morrow is the best time to enter the day or night classes at Prof. Engelhorn's Helena Business College.

Smugglers on the Border.  
MONTREAL, Nov. 23.—C. A. Cornilleir, who investigated the whisky smuggling at Quebec for the government, states that so far as can be traced there has been smuggled into Canada by way of St. Pierre, Michigan, this year 20,000 barrels of American whisky, and as each gallon should have paid \$2 duty, the government lost \$300,000 in revenue from that source alone.

Proclaimed Meetings.  
DUBLIN, Nov. 23.—The government has forbidden the holding of proposed meetings at Killarney and Waterford to-morrow, in memory of the "Manchester martyrs." The projectors of the demonstrations announce that they will not abandon their plans. The police are ordered to hold themselves in readiness to disperse the gatherings.

Nearing an End.  
CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—The Cronin case adjourned this morning till Monday, without further evidence being taken. The defense will close Monday.

How the Banks Stand.  
NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The weekly bank statement shows a reserve increase of \$335,000; specie increase, \$450,000. The banks now hold \$1,480,000 in excess of the rule.

Captured a Lord.  
LONDON, Nov. 23.—Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice was married to-day to Miss Caroline Fitzgerald, of New York.

DIED.  
McLAUGHLIN—At Helena, Nov. 23, Mrs. Rose McLaughlin, beloved wife of Robert McLaughlin. The funeral will take place from the residence of Stephen P. Foster, corner Beckridge and Beattie streets, at 2 p. m. to-day. St. Paul papers please copy.

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